

REMARKS

Pending Claims

By this amendment, claims 47, 52, 61, and 63 are amended, and claims 50, 51, 55-60 and 62 are cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing claim amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner withdrew claims 55-60 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants hereby cancel claims 55-60 from the application to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 51-53, 62, and 63 include allowable subject matter. The subject matter of claim 51 and intervening claim 50 has been incorporated into independent claim 47, while the subject matter of claim 62 has been incorporated into independent claim 61. As amended, claims 47 and 61 are therefore allowable.

Claim Rejections

Claims 47-50, 54, and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Independent claims 47 and 61 are hereby amended to incorporate subject matter the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Dependent claims 48, 49, 52-54, and 63 ultimately depend from either claim 47 or 61, and are therefore allowable for the same and other reasons as claims 47 and 61. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and look forward to prompt receipt of a Notice of Allowance reflecting the same. Should any issues remain, the undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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